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THE ENGLISH SIDE.

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To uphold the sanctity and to extend the area of my international obligations, I have concluded a treaty with the United States of America for the settlement of questions which have been discussed for some years. It having become obvious that the horrors of war are avoidable by peaceful instrument instead of the arbitrament of the sword, I have given my consent to a reference of the Alabama claims to an International tribunal, the highest authority to which their decision could have been intrusted. Through pardonable overeagerness on the part of the negotiators, the claims were not explicitly limited to direct losses, and therefore the President of the United States has preferred a considerable amount of indirect claims, to many of which my Government is unmoved. I hope the amount to be ultimately awarded will not exceed the French payment to Germany." The Queen deplores the troubles in India, felicitates Parliament upon the Finances of the country, and the collection of unprecedented revenue; refers to the peaceable state of Ireland and promises the introduction of bills in relation to the ballot, for the regulation of the mines, for the acquisition of railways by the State, and for the regulation of licenses for the sale of liquor.

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NOTE TO EDITORS.—Private information has been received from the London agent that the Pall Mall *Gazette* has probably been hoaxed.]

A CANADIAN VIEW.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 5.—The intimation of the English press of the intention of the British Government to repudiate the treaty of Washington, excites grave comments here. It is believed that such a violent course would be almost a certain signal for war. The English Government, it is thought, will not follow public opinion so far as to take so decisive a step. The merchants of Halifax are deeply interested in the treaty.

THE AMERICAN SIDE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The *Herald's* Washington special says that the excitement among high officials in that city, in consequence of our relations with England, is very great, and that there have been constant conferences between representatives of the American Government and the English Embassy. The situation in England, as represented by the English Legation at Washington, is of the gravest character. The Tory party, although represented by Stafford Northcote on the Joint High Commission, desires to force the Alabama question upon Parliament, and compel such a vote as would declare its want of confidence in the Gladstone Ministry, in consequence of rejecting an amendment of the Alabama claims to carry the assaults of the Tories.

Despatches have been received at Washington urging the Administration to withdraw the claims for consequential damages; but the President is firm in his conviction that the case as presented by our Government shall not be amended or withdrawn. He regards the Geneva Commission as a Court, and feels that America has a right to be heard before that Court, like any other party to an action, and leave the question to its decision. If our case shows any surprising feature, the fault will be with the English, who permitted themselves, for their own gain, to become parties to acts of war upon the United States. The President also feels that the necessities of any English Cabinet now will not be permitted to force his Administration into a false position.

A despatch has been received from Minister Schenck, to the effect that the excitement in London is intense, but no recommendations are made.

The English Minister, Thornton, combats the view of the Administration as to the Geneva Commission being a Court, and urges that it be treated as an amicable Conference. He contends that there could be no peace if our case was presented in the form of an indictment for misdemeanor.

Secretary Fish does not see how any claim can be withdrawn. If, in his judgment, Sir Alexander Cockburn should withdraw, there would be no hope of an amicable settlement.

"Mr. Evarts is about to return to this country for further instructions."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Accounts from England regarding the dissatisfaction with the treaty of Washington, produce no excitement whatever in Executive and Congressional circles, nor is it considered that any complication between the two countries can result from the agitation of the question in England, and it is believed that matters at issue will be settled in accordance with the terms of the treaty. None of the members of the two Committees on Foreign Affairs have heard of any dissatisfaction with the treaty apart from the London press, nor has their attention been called to the subject by either the President or Secretary of State, and it is equally certain that they and other members of Congress will stand by the treaty as it is, without yielding to any demand which will affect its purposes, and such is also said to be the determination of those connected with the Executive Department, whose right it was to present this American statement of the case, with as much earnestness as was exercised by the British themselves.

RUSSIA.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A correspondent who has long lived in Russia, writes from Moscow of the two great parties, the German and Russian, in the Empire, and of the power and influence they exercise of German party. He says: "This is not to be understood the real Germans alone, of whom there are a great many in the country, but that portion of the Russian population bearing German names, and descendants from German parentage, even dating back in many cases 200 years, and often more Russian in sentiment and feeling than the Russians themselves. Numerically they are, of course, not by any means so strong as their opponents, but the Emperor is on their side, and he counts for a million. He is so German in sentiment, and has apparently so much more confidence in the integrity, steadiness and executive capacities of this class of his subjects, that he has given them two-thirds of the offices in the Empire, and has even gone so far as to allow none but Germans to be apothecaries or deal in any manner in drugs or medicines, giving as a reason that the pure Russian peasants are either not sufficiently well instructed in the art of mixing drugs, or not sufficiently upright in their dealings to have the lives of their fellow-subjects entrusted to their care. It is this party, headed by the Emperor, who have sympathized with Germany during the late war with France; who inspired the articles in the official journal, and who are rejoicing in the hopes of a German alliance. As a rule they most positively detest the French, and it is a curious fact that this element of rule has not yet died out, although the family trees from which they sprung were, in many cases, transplanted into Russia at least 200 years ago. They laugh at the idea of Russia becoming the dominant race among the Slavonic, and maintain that it is only opportunity in the arts and sciences, and advancement in the progress of civilization, that can give a man the supremacy; and they do not hesitate to affirm that in these attainments the Sclavonic peoples under the rule of Austria and Prussia are far in advance of the Russian brethren; that the very talk of forming a federation of the Sclavonic races with the Russian as the dominant power, for the simple reason that Russia is better than all the others in the very qualities that could alone give her the supremacy—enlightenment and civilization."

Concerning the old Russians, the correspondent remarks: "Among these may be ranked the old Russian nobility, who detest this new German alliance, and who hate the Germans and love the French, in spite of Moscow and the Crimean war. With them may be classed the great mass of the Russian people, who, in so far as they may be supposed to have political sentiments and opinions, hate the Germans most bitterly, without, probably, knowing why. They believe in the future confederation of all the Sclavonic races, with Russia at their head, and, perhaps, in the ultimate amalgamation of all these races into one mighty Empire, which shall be the means of carrying Christianity and civilization, to the farthest confines of Asia. They believe in the agglomeration of the races and languages, and they say that sooner or later Europe will be divided into three great Asiatic people confederations—that of the Latin races comprising France, Italy, and Spain; that of the Teutonic races comprising England, Germany, and a part of Austria, and those comprising all of the Sclavonic people, numbering in all one hundred and twenty-five millions. To this end, they say, must be sacrificed and divided between the Sclaves and the Germans, and the Turks must be driven over the Bosphorus. This is the dream of the future of Russia, and the Czarovitch is violently and openly Pan-Slavist and anti-German. When he was passing through Frankfort, some two months ago, all the Germans, including the leader, of the revolutionary gang captured at St. Fergo, about thirty miles from Matamoras.

INDIA.

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 5.—Deputy Commissioner Cowan has order fifty Kaoks mutineers to be blown from the mouths of cannon.

THE WEST.

Latest from the Snow-Bound Trains on the Union Pacific Railroad.

OMAHA, Feb. 5.—Four or five inches more snow fell along the snow-blockade belt of the Union Pacific on Saturday night and Sunday, accompanied by high wind, and drifting badly. Passenger trains from Ogden Jan. 26, are reported at Missouri Station. The passengers are subsisting on crackers and fish. Passengers leaving Omaha Jan. 15 to 28, are reported as passing Rock Creek station yesterday, having been six days going the last fifty miles.

Provisions had become scarce at Medicine Bow Station, and a party of men were to start for Laramie, to-day, with sleds to procure supplies.

It was very cold at Rawlins this evening, with a high wind. The snow is drifting, and no train has arrived.

Fearful Tragedy Near Norwich, Conn.

NORWICH, Conn., Feb. 5.—Wm. Irving, an employé of Dr. Johnson, of Bozrah, Conn., to-day shot and fatally wounded the Doctor's daughter because she would not marry him. He shot his young lady friend in the presence of her mother, whom he also attempted to murder by beating her over the head with the gun. Irving then locked himself in his room and cut his throat in such a manner as to cause death.

NORWICH, Feb. 5.—When a surgeon arrived from this city, he found the shot had only inflicted a slight wound on the side of Miss Johnson's face, but there was a terrible fracture of the skull. It is supposed that Irving, after stunning Mrs. Johnson, beat in the young lady's skull with the barrel of the gun. One of the barrels was not discharged. Irving then attacked the servant girl, who entered the room, but she fled and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Johnson died at 5 o'clock this evening.

LOUISIANA.

Warmouth Before the Congressional Committee at New Orleans—Warmouth's Message to the Legislature.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Governor Warmouth was before the Congressional Investigating Committee to-day. His testimony, which was not concluded, occupied several hours. He presented his side of the case very strongly, and alluded to the position of those implicated in the disturbances which had already been impressed in his favor after a hearing of his opponents and only few of his friends. He swore that of the members of the Custom House Convention of August, eighty-one, or substantially all of the members, were either Government employés, and sinecures to or proxies made by the Convention to fill out a quorum. Telegrams to and from Washington, and other documentary evidence produced, go to show that the President exerted his influence very decidedly on the Custom House side of the fight of last month up to the time of Carter's withdrawal.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—The message from Governor Warmouth to the Legislature says that 31 days of the session have been dissipated in contests which have tended much to weaken the confidence of the people in free government. There are laws on the statute books which must be modified, and which the Legislature is pledged in the most solemn manner to modify in a way to render them unobjectionable to the majority of the people. The public voice has spoken on this behalf with no uncertain sound. It is the duty of the Representatives to give the people's will the force of law without further delay.

The Governor says: "I will be candid with you and say that your plighted faith is suspected on this subject. While so much time is wasted in delay, every consideration of justice to the people, to yourselves, and to myself requires that the resolution of this question be speedily and finally received your prompt and undivided attention."

The message recites that the condition of affairs which in 1868 made necessary the enactment of most stringent registration and election laws in a great measure had ceased to exist. Political rights of white and colored citizens, then unsettled and hostile, have now been established on a basis of quiet and growing respect, and all other civil rights which were necessary to bolster up and sustain the Republican party in this State it is better that it should perish than to use.

He recommends the modification of the Constabulary, Printing, and Revenue laws, and of all relating to the Metropolitan Police law, and of all railroad charters whose work is not already commenced. The latter would save the State $15,000,000.

Concluding with the subjects of political and economical reform, the Governor says: "So fully has a committal been made on these subjects that failure to organize into law will, it will be universally and justly regarded as unmitigated treachery and contempt for public opinion."

All the civic and State courts and the Congressional Investigating Committee have agreed to hold no sessions on Mardi-Gras day, the 13th inst., and thus display proper taste to be the only ever known in this country. The Mystic Krewe of Comus will appear in grand allegorical procession. The Grand Duke Alexis and suite have timed their visit so as to be here during the carnival. Guests from all parts of the country are already flocking to the city.

ILLINOIS.

The Storm in the Central Part of the State—Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners—Appointment of Circuit Clerk—Not Guilty.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5.—Yesterday, in this section of the State, it was cold and very disagreeable, with a driving fall of snow; but this morning the storm commenced in earnest, continued all day, and the result has been the greatest fall of snow that has occurred for years, over ten inches having fallen since morning, and it has not yet ceased. There has been no wind, and therefore railroad travel will not be materially retarded. Should a wind arise, however, and doubtless extends over a large territory.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners will meet this city to-morrow, being the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society visited Springfield to-day to perfect the necessary arrangements for the erection of buildings required for the State Fair, to be held there in September.

D. G. Rannells has been appointed, by Judge Leland, Circuit Clerk of Kendall County, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Albert M. Hobbs.

Mr. Rannells had filled the official bond.

Monroe Gay, who was indicted in the United States Court for the crime of robbing the mail at Hall's Station, Kane County, was put on his trial to-day and found not guilty, the jury standing 8 for conviction and 4 against.

INDIANA.

Railroad Projects—The Bright Perjury Trial—Fatal Fall.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 5.—A citizens' meeting was held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon, which recommended that the Council make an appropriation for a preliminary survey of a narrow gauge road from that city to the coal fields, and the Council appointed a Committee this evening to carry out the request. It is the intention of the city to either build the road or subscribe for a block of the stock in order that it may be controlled in the interests of the manufactures at this place.

The second trial of R. J. Bright, State Printer, for perjury, commenced to-day.

John Mathers, an old man who has charge of the unfinished building intended for the Woman's Reformatory, near this city, fell through a hatchway in that building last night, and died from his injuries this morning.

The Covington & Chicago Railroad Company filed its articles of association to-day. The only line in Indiana mentioned is commencing at Covington, Fountain County, and run in the most eligible route to the State line of Illinois, in the direction of Bloomington, McLean County, Ill. The length of the road will be twenty-five miles.

OHIO.

Steamboatmen's Meeting at Cincinnati—Bridge Accident.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—The steamboatmen held a meeting to-day in the interest of the new Steamboat law, at which there was a general expression of disapprobation at the turn things were taking in Congress. Captain Hale, during his remarks, said he was not prepared to favor a separate inspection organization, but it seemed to him that if other means failed the steamboatmen should organize from the Mississippi to the Gulf, and elect their votes for the men who would be attentive to their interests.

A committee of ten was appointed to proceed to Washington to-morrow and confer with those already there, and the Secretary was directed to inform kindred associations of this action.

Charles Kinnier, employed in building the Newport-Cincinnati bridge, fell to-day from the structure and was killed.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Illinois.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5.

NO QUORUM.

The Senate was called to order by Senator STARNE, at 10 o'clock, ten members being present, and adjourned till 10 a. m. Tuesday morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Several House bills and Senate bills were read a first or second time, 75 members being present.

Adjourned at noon till to-morrow morning.

Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—A petition was presented in the Massachusetts House of Assembly, by the Rev. James Freeman Clarke and others, for a declaratory statute that women are entitled to hold office in the Commonwealth.

Ku-Klux Outrage in Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—A gentleman from Tennessee just in this city, reports the following Ku-Klux operations which came under his observation on the way to this city from Memphis: At Brownsville, Tenn., on Friday, a party of Ku-Klux had taken a negro, whose dead body was placed on the train by a brother and sister of deceased. About the same time the train was boarded by some hundred Ku-Klux, each armed with two heavy revolvers. After the train had left the station the Ku-Klux commenced firing at negroes on the cars, wounding four, two of them very badly. A number of other persons had their clothing perforated with bullets. The train passed through the woods one of the party passed through the baggage car and over the tender, from which place he fired on the engineer, the bullets passing through the engineer's hat. The engineer now seized his assailant, and hurled him from the train down an embankment, the brakeman firing two shots after him. The supposition is that they expected to stop the train, and take possession of objectionable negroes in the crowd.

At Bell's station the party left the train, taking their wounded with them.

War Department Weather Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The low barometer in Texas will probably move rapidly northeastward over the Ohio Valley. Southeast winds will veer to the Southwest in the Gulf States and Texas. The area of rain will move north and northeast, extend, on Tuesday, northwestward into Canada, and an area of rising barometer with clear weather will prevail from Lake Michigan to the Missouri Valley. Cloudy and threatening weather will prevail in the South Atlantic and Middle States.

On Sunday evening the extensive livery establishment of J. H. Estabrook, in Denver, filled with valuable horses, carriages and other property, was destroyed by fire, entirely destroyed. Forty-eight horses perished in the flames, valued at $10,000; carriages, $10,000; harness, $2,000; sleighs, $2000; hay, $12,000; corn, $600; oats, $200; customers' property, $2,000; building, the total loss about $35,000. There is but little insurance. A beautiful black horse, "Douglas," so familiar to people on the streets, was in the fire and perished.

WASHINGTON.

Continuation of the Debate in the Senate on the Amnesty Bill.

Messrs. Sumner and Carpenter the Principal Speakers.

Passage of Another Sweeping Disability Bill in the House.

General Sickles' Testimony in Favor of the McGarrahan Claim.

Prospect of a Favorable Report on the Illinois Two Per Cent Claim.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE McGARRAHAN CASE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—General Sickles has presented his testimony in the McGarrahan case to the Senate Committee on Public Lands. He detailed his whole connection with the case as counsel from his retention in 1868. In October, 1868, he made request of President Lincoln to act upon the case, and soon after, in an interview with Mr. Lincoln, the latter informed him he had ordered a patent to issue. He then went to see Secretary Usher about it, and was informed that the patent would issue immediately. It was, however, delayed, and upon inquiry of Mr. Usher he was told there was doubt in the Department whether the patent should issue to the original grantee or McGarrahan, to whom it was assigned. After other delays, he called on Mr. Lincoln, when the latter told him that the patent had been signed, and he was surprised that he (Sickles) had not received it, and said he would attend to the matter. After this it appeared that the patent had been withheld at the instance of the Attorney for the New Idria Company.

CLAIMS OF WESTERN STATES.

Judge Allison, of Indiana, has had the question of the 2 per cent claim of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio referred to him by the Judiciary Committee for report. The understanding is that the report will be in favor of the validity of the claim.

THE ARMY BILL

will be reported this week. The whole amount will be about $30,000,000, which is little less than the estimates.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL

is nearly ready. It appropriates $4,250,000. The whole deficiency, last year, was about $6,000,000.

THE TOLEDO OFFICES.

Representative Peck, of Ohio, has been trying for some time to secure the removal of Collector Swigart and ex-Postmaster Wells, of Toledo. To-day he gave the following version of his campaign:

"If I could only get these two men out, I would be ready to resign, but I am having a rocky time. Ever since I have been here Peckites, and, after putting me off several times, he, and, after make the removals if Boutwell was present. Boutwell is not here just now, but at last said I could tell the President he could go ahead with this. [Under the rose, Mr. Boutwell (Massachusetts) sent me word of his bill,—and had stated two points in which its constitutionality seemed doubtful. He was in favor of the principle of the bill, and had embodied in his substitute all of it that was clearly constitutional. But the Senate from Massachusetts did not seem to be anxious for the passage of the bill to secure civil rights, unless it had some speech or claw tearing into the Constitution. The Senator had also gone back a whole year and arraigned him for having spoken of the Declaration of Independence as a revolutionary pronunciamento. It certainly was just that, and he wondered what there was in the expression which so rankled in the Senator's mind. He could not believe that it was mere use of the adjective, and he supposed it must have been resentment at the long time it took the Declaration of Independence. He saw that Mr. Carpenter smiled. He always smiled when the Declaration was mentioned.

Mr. CARPENTER. It was a smile of appreciation. [Laughter.]

Mr. SUMNER. Very well. But, not content with striking at the colored citizen in the temple of justice, the Senator sets up the distinction in the church; affirming, however, in which he is not original, for he has been anticipated by the Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, who reports his congregation to have sung on a certain occasion this hymn:

Shall niggers black this land possess,
And mix with us up here,
Oh no, my friends, my father guess
We'll never stand that ere.

[Laughter on the floor and in the galleries.]

Sir, I am glad to hear that the Senator's speech! I do not know that I need say any more.

Mr. CARPENTER. Oh yes; go right on.

Mr. SUMNER. I will, as the Senator invites me. He sets himself up here as the representative of caste in the Christian Church, and we are espousing that cause pleads the Constitution of the United States. But, sir, I think I can point out, [Laughter,] and I hope I can point out, error. I hesitate to refer to it, but the Senator has introduced it himself. The Senator has never forgiven the declaration of Independence. [Laughter, especially by Carpenter.] The Senator smiles. Very well; I have been long enough in the chamber to witness the violation of public opinion on that great Magna Charta to have seen it derided by others more than it ever was by the Senator. [Laughter.]

Mr. CARPENTER. I wish the Senator would state when I ever derided the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. SUMNER. "I am coming to that." Mr. Sumner then quoted the remarks made by Calhoun, Cheate, and Andrew Johnson on the subject, and said that in a speech in April, 1876, Carpenter had spoken of the principles set forth in the Declaration as "the generalities of that revolutionary pronunciamento." He referred to this with great reluctance.

Mr. CARPENTER. I hope the reluctance is not on my account. [Laughter.]

Mr. SUMNER. When the Senator spoke last on this subject, however, it was no longer a revolutionary pronunciamento.

Mr. CARPENTER. Oh, yes it is. I stand by that. I glory in that revolutionary pronunciamento and from it spring all that revolutionary history of ours.

Mr. EDMUNDS. Then you ought to give some effect to it.

Mr. SUMNER. The Senator says he glories in it. Then let him give it some effect. I hope he won't take it all out in glory. I hope he will see that some of it is transfused into human rights.

Mr. CARPENTER. Yes, all that is consistent with the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. SUMNER. The Constitution is a machine, a great and beneficent machine. The declaration of Independence supplies the principles which are to give character and motion to that machine.

Mr. CARPENTER said he had just heard himself ridiculed, reviled, and misrepresented, because he had been unable to agree with the Senator from Massachusetts (Sumner) as to the amendment of his bill,—and had stated two points in which its constitutionality seemed doubtful. He was in favor of the principle of the bill, and had embodied in his substitute all of it that was clearly constitutional. But the Senator

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor Calls for Immediate Appropriations of Money for Various Purposes.

Appointment of Pound-Keepers for the Different Divisions.

List of School Land Lessees in Arrears for Rent.

The Fire Ordinance Referred Back to an Enlarged Committee.

A Public Meeting to be Held This Afternoon to Consider Its Provisions.

The Matter of the City Printing Settled in Favor of the "Post."

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, President McAvoy in the chair. There were also present the following Aldermen: Bowen, Cory, McGenniss, Thompson, Dagsy, Stone, Schmitz, Tracy, Hickey, Culleton, Bailey, Bateham, Powell, Holden, Bond, Sweet, Witbeck, Heath, Gardner, Sherwood, Gill, Cleveland, Butler, McGrath, Schmidt, Stout, Schaffner, Lengacher, McCaffrey, Carney, Woodman.

MONEY ASKED.

The following communication was read from His Honor the Mayor:

"The great fire of October last destroyed, in common with that of many of our citizens, a large amount of property belonging to the corporation. No adequate provision was or could have been made for the expenditure necessarily resulting from this great casualty. A temporary building for the City officers had to be erected, the sewers to be put in repair, lamp-posts to be replaced, and, while it appears probable that the Police Court rooms to be reconstructed, and many miles of roads and sidewalks to be rebuilt, no money has been ordered necessary had to be incurred. To raise the money to meet a portion of these expenses, authority was given by the Act of the Legislature, March 16, 1871, to borrow the sum of $130,782 84, for the purposes indicated in the order, and respectfully recommend its passage. JOSEPH MEDILL, Mayor.

FIREMEN'S AND ORDERS.

WHEREAS, By the great casualty of the 8th and 9th of October, 1871, a large part of the City was destroyed by fire, there arose a necessity for the erection of temporary buildings for the use of the City officers and others; building temporary City Hall; building and repairing sidewalks; repairing sewers; repairing lamp-posts and erecting new ones in the same; building and repairs to Police Court rooms, the reconstruction of engine houses, and many other purposes, to wit, $130,782.84, necessary to be incurred in making such temporary buildings, etc.

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Second. We firmly remonstrate against that part of said Section 3 which requires all smoke escaped from the furnaces, etc., to be led through water, and from the same to escape first in height. This we believe to be very expensive and impracticable, and would involve fires. We have yet to learn that any fire has originated from smoke-stacks, while many fires have originated in buildings where branches of business are carried on which are prohibited by the ordinance, such as the wholesale and retail stores on South Water, Lake, and Randolph streets, Wabash avenue, and Michigan and Fourth avenues, South Division, while many manufactories where smoke-stacks of from and less in height than the one above mentioned have been in operation from fifteen to twenty-five years, and no fire has occurred therein, originating from said cause.

We are of the opinion that, if an ordinance were desired to prevent the establishments of manufactories in the city and drive out those already here in this section, it could not be more effectual in accomplishing that end.

We have no desire to dictate to your honorable body in this or any other matter, but must, and do most earnestly and firmly remonstrate against the said Section 3, and respectfully request your honorable body that portions relating to smoke escapes, as not being required for the prevention of fires.

PERMISSION WANTED.

Ald. Woodman presented a petition from William Steele, for erecting a lot on North Wells street, upon which he was building a frame structure, not yet completed. The petitioner set forth that he had a family living in the unfinished dwelling, and asked permission to finish the house. It was referred to the Board of Public Works.

A petition from Mr. Rasch, asking permission to finish a house on De Koven street, was also referred.

A petition from the Union Brass Manufacturing Company and Crear, Adams & Company, asking permission to build a brick shop over a public lane, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys of the North Division.

A communication from the Markland Lamp Company, offering the T. T. Markland Patent Street Lamps at a cost of 30 per lamp, with the same plates as were furnished by the Committee on Gas Lights.

SALE OF A SCHOOL BUILDING.

Ald. Daggy said at the last meeting of the Council the Committee on Schools were ordered to report on sale of the school building on the corner of Twenty-second and Halsted streets. The report was in the hands of the Clerk.

The report set forth that the sum of $900, the sum offered, was not half its price, and recommended its rejection. The Committee recommended the passage of an order authorizing the Mayor and Comptroller to sell it at public sale for not less than $900. It was concurred in.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. Holden submitted a resolution directing the Comptroller to report the amount of money in the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1870, and the amount in the Treasury quarterly since, including Dec. 1, 1871. The resolution was adopted.

FELT ROOFING.

A communication from Mr. VanCadel, Messrs. Wheelock, Boyington, and others, stating that a felt and composition roof needed no plastering, and suggesting a change in the requirements of the ordinance that all such roofing be placed upon composition, was temporarily laid over.

A petition, signed by Fred Wyeth & S. H. Harris, Smith & Allen, Millard & Decker, and others, was presented. After referring to the portion of the fire ordinance relating to combustible roofing, the petitioners say:

We believe that it creates a partial monopoly in and for the benefit of certain manufacturers and roofers, and to the exclusion of other material of equal if not greater merit, and while it appears or permits a composition of gravel, but one material, to wit, "distilled cement," or article entirely unknown to the trade, but which we understand is claimed to be patented, that well-known compounds "distilled tar or pitch," and resulting from the manufacture of illuminating gas, and being that which is a manufacturers and apply material known to the trade, and the quality of which when combined with gravel is under the authority of your Fire and Water Committee, by their existing ordinance, to be decided upon as to that which your ordinance, as now re-cited, admits.

Now, therefore, we would petition your honorable body to so amend that portion of the ordinance which is referred to, that it may read as follows: No felt, tar, or composition roofing of any kind shall be placed upon or used in the construction of any roof of any building within the fire limits (or fire limits) except the same is laid upon or over a covering of water line cement, or other equally incombustible material, of not less than one-half an inch in thickness. The felt must be covered with distilled cement, or other equally incombustible material, well covered with gravel or other incombustible material.

The changes which we make are by no violence to the just claims of any one, nor do they in any way lessen the security against fire, which the ordinance in question contemplates, but simply admits of other material of equal merit, and we submit that we have equally justly entitled to your consideration.

It was laid over.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRE LIMITS.

Ald. Meteralf presented a petition asking for a change in the fire limits, making the limits as follows: Commencing at the intersection of Kinzie street and Ashland avenue, thence east to Kinzie street and Rucker street, thence north on Rucker street to Chicago avenue, thence to the lake on a line indicated in the ordinance now pending. The petition was laid over temporarily.

LESSEES OF SCHOOL LANDS.

A list of the lessees of school lands refusing to pay their rents, was submitted by the Comptroller, whose report contained the following facts:

The amount under protest on 227,348 95; amount now due, $157,902.84. The names of the persons who owe for rent, with the amount due to Feb. 1, 1872, pending. The petition was laid over temporarily.

Lessees of School Lands.—Mary Ann Noyes, Seven, Coey, McGenness, Thompson, Dagsy, Stone, Schmitz, Tracy, Hickey, Culleton, Bailey, Powell, Holden, Bond, Sweet, Witbeck, Gardner, Sherwood, Gill, Cleveland, Butler, McGrath, Schmidt, Stout, Schaffner, Lengacher, McCaffrey, Carney, Woodman.

Mary Ann Noyes, $1,000; Mary G. Bowen, $1,000; Schuyler Bell, $1,000; Herman Bittel, $524; Elizabeth Parkinson, $492; James F. Smith, $468; Mrs. Ann C. W. Bailey, $1,000; James F. Smith, $258.75; James F. Smith, $258.75; Lichenstein, $195.75; James F. Smith, $276.56; Mary Ann Vernon, $1,000; Albert Dodge, $1,000; Mary A. Wolcott, $1,312.50; Loomis & Davis, $1,000; E. D. Taylor, $19,230.75; Estes & Co., $1,000; Thomas Hoskin, $1,201.99; B. C. VonMeeteren, $1,181.32; Thomas Mackin, $40.99; J. Otis, $50; Williamson Schwartz, $2,500; Thomas Mackin, $2,000; Thomas Bowers, $2,125; Rosalie Cavanna, $2,250; James M. McVicker, $13,125; Charles and Reed, $1,000; Chicago Tribune Co., $1,050; Thomas Mackin, $2,000; Samuel Grogston, $1,000; Thomas Mackin, $2,000; John A. Tyrrell, $2,000; Charles Gossage, $2,000; Albert Dodge, $1,000; T. T. Fitch, $1,000; Munn & Scott, $4,125; T. T. Fitch, $1,000; Hyman Hollman, $1,000; Peter Schuttler, $1,000; Haworth, $2,679.14; Geo. Boomer, $2,707.94; A. H. Upton, $2,104.50; Thos. S. Otis, $1,000; Elizabeth Schwartz, $2,500; Thomas Mackin, $1,500; T. S. Otis, $13,968; Clara Tryon, $30; John Lubsterf, $250; Joan Simonds, $250; Charles and Reed, $1,000.

The following-named persons have paid nothing on portions of property they occupy, the others having paid a small amount thereon, and have made no payment and some without: Mary C. Baldwin, J. M. Bestor, Mary Ann Bowen, Herman Bittel, Isaac Bailey, James F. Smith, A. Lichenstein, F. Wolcie, E. D. Taylor, Estes & Co., B. C. Van Meeteren, T. T. Fitch, Louis Boomer, Mary Ann Noyes, Corter, Henry Brinkworth, L. B. Otis, John Lubsterf, John Simonds.

The report was placed on file.

CHIMNEY SWEEPS.

A communication from the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, providing for the appointment of chimney-sweepers, was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

The hour of 9 o'clock having arrived, the

ORDER OF THE DAY

Ald. Holden moved to take up the fire ordinance.

Ald. Sweet would like to see the city printing disposed, and moved that it be taken up.

Ald. Thompson moved to refer the fire ordinance back to the Committee on Fire and Water, with the communications laid over by the Council.

Ald. Gardner opposed the motion, on the ground that the delay of the Council had already hastened the destruction of thousands of frame buildings, and that the best insurance companies were cancelling their policies in Chicago. By further inflicting an injury which they could not repair. He wished to meet the issue at once. He knew there were objections to the fire ordinance, but the same would be true of any of them. The ordinance was, with some exceptions, a good one, and the little patching required could be done at once. This had gone to two Committees as wise as any the Council had. They had rejected a set of ordinances, and they had reported one. It would be the erection of a thousand wooden buildings, and a fixed distr

THE HON. GEORGE BANCROFT.

His Letter Founding the New Fellowship for Harvard College.

The Boston *Advertiser* publishes the following letter from Hon. George Bancroft, proposing to found a travelling fellowship at Harvard College, and explaining his reasons for making the gift. This is the first foundation of the kind established in an American college, although such gifts are common in England, and President Eliot, in his report to the Board of Overseers, says: "The Corporation are as much obliged to Mr. Bancroft for his suggestive and tempting examples as for his actual gift."

AMERICAN LEGATION, BERLIN, July 4, 1871.

SIR: It has long been my wish to raise a memorial to one of your generous donors, John Thorndike Sargent, and to associate his name with the college, although such gifts are common in England, and Presidents Eliot, in his report to the Board of Overseers, says: "the

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THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION.

We published, yesterday, the card signed by ex-Secretary Cox, Stanley Mathews, and Judges Stallo and Headley, of Cincinnati, concerning the Convention called by the Liberal Republicans of Missouri, to meet in Cincinnati on the first day of May next. These gentlemen say:

Heartily sympathizing with the views and purposes which have dictated this call, the undersigned, on behalf of themselves and such Republicans of this city and vicinity as unite with them in sentiment, join in the invitation and urge, upon all those favoring the political reforms proposed as the object of this movement, to attend this meeting.

There is no use in attempting to ignore this movement. It has hearty friends in New England and New York, and all over the Northwest, who are watching the course of events, and have determined in their own minds that certain reforms shall be accomplished, and shall not be defeated by the tricks of enemies or the treachery of pretended friends. Conspicuous among the demands of the Missouri Republicans are the great points of Revenue reform, Amnesty and, Civil Service reform. These three points meet with a popular response which cannot be silenced. The President has recommended Amnesty and Civil Service reform to his adherents in Congress, but seems unable to bring them up to the support of those measures, although he had no difficulty in getting them to vote for the purchase of San Domingo. As regards Revenue reform, however, he seems either to have no conception of what it means, or to be the willing instrument of those affiliated monopolists who constitute the High-Tariff Ring.

The country has had enough of a system of confiscation, under the name of taxation, such as would not be tolerated in any other land in Christendom. Centuries ago, when profligates sat upon the thrones of France and England, it was common to levy a special tax, and order the proceeds to be put into the private purses of the Royal mistresses, that these harlots might be able to live in splendor. The tax system of the United States is levied practically for like purpose,—not to sustain one or two profligate women, but to sustain other monopolists equally insatiable. Our tariff system is made up of special taxes levied for the personal benefit of persons and corporations whose blandishments have been able to control a majority of one or the other House of Congress. The country has endured this as no other people would have done; and the repeal of these bounties, and pensions, and special taxes, for the benefit of the Rossemer steelers, and the iron, copper, nickel, and carpet monopolists, is now demanded. The men in the United States Senate who have assumed authority to oppose the Republican party tell us, by their acts, or their refusal to act, that these taxes shall not be repealed or modified. They have already resolved that Congress shall adjourn in May, and in a few days we may expect their further declaration, that no legislation looking to the reform of the Civil Service or of the Revenue shall be considered in the Senate. This evident determination to keep up forever the enormous special bounties in the tax laws to favorite individuals and corporations will not be allowed to pass without protest. The Cincinnati Convention has been called that the means may be considered whereby this evil, among others, may be met. The Convention may meet merely to adjourn, or it may meet to take important action. That it will be respectable in point of numbers and in the character of those who will attend it, there can be no longer any doubt. Three months intervene before its assembling. During those three months the Senators and Representatives at Washington can do much to determine its character and influence. If they shall, in good faith, carry out the principles of Revenue reform and Civil Service reform, and relieve the South from the yoke of carpet-bag despotism and corruption by passing an act of General Amnesty, they can make the Cincinnati Convention an important auxiliary in the Presidential campaign. But, if they persist in the policy of running the party on dead issues, ignoring the living ones, they will probably and the Cincinnati Convention a powerful reminder of their neglected duties and misspent time.

THE ALABAMA CLOUD.

Pending any official statement from the English Government of its attitude with regard to the Geneva Court of Arbitration, it will be well to consider the exact position maintained by the United States in the prosecution of her claim for damages. Upon the ground that Great Britain failed to perform its duties as a neutral, in respect to the rebel cruisers, during the late war of the rebellion, the United States demands that the Geneva Tribunal shall award her damages. These damages are direct and indirect. The direct damages grow out of the actual direct losses in vessels and cargoes, to our commercial marine, inflicted by the insurgent vessels, and the heavy National expenditure caused by their pursuit, in addition to which the Government puts in a claim for interest, from an average day to be determined, to the day when the award is payable by the terms of the treaty, namely: one year after the date of the award, the United States suggesting the 1st day of July, 1873, as the most equitable day. The details of the direct losses to vessels and cargoes are as follows:

By the Alabama	$6,547,602.81
" Boston	92,554.83
" Chickamauga	2,598,608.21
" Florida	1,269,976.50
" Georgia	69,636.70
" Nashville	90,243.63
" Retribution	20,000.00
" Sallie	33,640.00
" Shenandoah	2,482,220.51
" Sumter	16,995.83
" Tuscaloosa	979,358.55
Total	$17,500,833.46
For loss from increased war premiums	1,190,795.15
	$18,691,628.61

The English advocates in their case object to the payment of any damages caused by vessels which were not both built and fitted out in English ports, and will also probably object to the payment of interest,—and rightly, as no Government pays interest on claims, a claim not being a debt until it is awarded by the Court in which it has been passed. Should the English Government refuse to pay the damages fixed by the Geneva Court, it would be tantamount to war, in which the United States would seek to collect both the direct and the indirect damages.

The indirect damages, which have caused the recent protests upon the part of the English press, may be classified as follows:

1. The loss in the transfer of the American commercial marine to the British flag.
2. The enhanced payments of insurance.
3. The prolongation of the war, and the addition of a large sum to the cost of the war and the suppression of the rebellion.

The history of these damages against which the English object is substantially as follows: The United States made an offer to the Joint High Commission to settle the whole matter by accepting an expression of regret and the payment of a sum in gross, and agreed to its be named with special reference to direct damages. If this settlement were not made at once, they reserved the right to urge both direct and indirect damages. The settlement was not made, the Commission simply adopting a treaty which provided the future means of settling it.

The demand, however, for indirect damages, to the full extent of the Court, is absurd upon the very face of it. At the lowest figures, the sum would exceed even the enormous German indemnity, and would be simply ruinous to any Government which had to pay it. Its extent could only be limited by the imagination of the arithmetician who should set himself at work to compute it, and would run into the regions of the fabulous and require the resources of the Genii to satisfy it. It would be simply impossible to make any accurate statement of indirect damages from the Governmental ledger, and we do not believe that either the people or the Government expect or desire such a claim to be pressed. The people neither want a precedent fixed for extortionate taxation in future, nor a war, which would, in all probability, be a naval war, for which this Government is not prepared, however mortifying the confession may be.

ELECTION OF COUNTY CLERK.

The law of 1849, section 19, provides that, when a vacancy occurs in the office of County Clerk, "it shall be filled by election in the same manner as a vacancy in the office of Judge." Section 9, of the same act, provides that, when a vacancy in the office of County Judge happens, the Clerk shall issue orders to the judges of election in the different precincts of the county, requiring them, on a day named, not less than twenty days from the date of the order, to hold an election to fill said vacancy. By the act of 1869, when a vacancy happens in the office of County Judge within one year from the time fixed by law for the election of County Judges, the Governor shall appoint some person to fill said office for the unexpired term; but, if the vacancy shall occur more than one year previous to the time for holding the regular election for that office, the Governor shall issue a writ of election, fixing the time for holding the same, and requiring the Sheriff to give twenty days' notice, &c.

In section 9 of the act of 1849, the County Judge is required, in case of vacancy in the office of County Clerk, to issue the orders for election, etc., and to make the returns, "*Provided* that, if a Clerk *pro tem.* shall be appointed and qualified within five days after any such vacancy shall happen, such *pro tem.* shall perform the duties in this section required of the Judge."

In the case of the present vacancy in the office of County Clerk, the duty of ordering an election devolves upon the Governor. The regular election for the office of County Clerk will not take place until November, 1873. In selecting the time for filling this vacancy the Governor would, perhaps, render a service to this county by ordering it to take place at the ordinary election in November next. A Clerk *pro tem.* has been appointed as required, and the public service will in no manner be prejudiced by the delay, and the cost of an election in this county is a very important item, particularly at this time. There are 130 precincts in this county, and the expense will be many thousands of dollars. An election next fall will answer every public purpose, and be a full compliance with the law.

ALLEGED INTERNAL REVENUE FRAUDS.

The New York *Sun*, not to be behind its city contemporaries in unearthing frauds, has taken a hand in, and found one to the amount of six millions in the Internal Revenue Department. The *Sun* is aiming at very large game, and boldly declares that the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Boutwell, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mr. Douglass, are defaulters to the above amount. The specific charge made is, that the stamp account of the Department, extending over a period of six years and a half, amounted to fifty-six millions of dollars. During Johnson's Administration, as the account had not been audited and settled from the time Mr. Boutwell was appointed Commissioner, a clerk was detailed from the Treasury Department proper to adjust it. After nine months of hard labor the statement was prepared, and, with the accompanying vouchers, showing the true condition of the account, with a deficit of about six millions of dollars, was handed to his superiors. The *Sun* now charges that Commissioner Rollins suppressed it, and that Secretary McCulloch then permitted Rollins to choose his own man from the Internal Revenue Department to audit it and make a statement. The statement was made, and balanced the account to a cent. The account, without a single voucher, was approved by the Fifth Auditor, and passed to the First Comptroller, who rejected it. It then passed into President Johnson's hands when but three or four more days remained to his term, and there was no opportunity to take action upon it until President Grant was inaugurated. General Pleasonton then requested him to examine it, but no action was taken, and shortly after the General was removed. Since that time, it is charged that a convenient man has been placed in the office of Fifth Auditor, one Jacob H. Ela, in the place of Barron, and that he has placed a clerk, whose specialty is the stamp account, at work doctoring it. Up to this date he has not, with all the balances that have been forced, been able to square the account, but is at within a half short.

This is the substance of the story as narrated by the *Sun*, upon the strength of which it demands an investigation, and offers to furnish the proofs. The matter is too important for Congress to pass it by without giving it attention.

At present there seems to be a very fair prospect for a scrimmage in Utah, and the customary investigation. The telegraph is burdened with the charges and counter-charges and plots and counter-plots of those figuring in Utah politics, and looking out for prospective seats of honor when Utah comes in as a State. At first we are informed that our late exemplary citizen, George C. Bates, now District Attorney at Salt Lake, is a full-blooded Mormon, and then comes news that the Mormons are denouncing him as a rampant Gentile. One day, the Mormons are denouncing Judge McKean as their bloody persecutor; and the next, the Gentiles are accusing him of doing nothing. Then Judge McKean gets up a grand meeting of the people of Utah to endorse him, and sends a report of it to Washington. Tom Fitch follows this up with a meeting of 2,000 citizens who unanimously condemn the Judge, and this is sent to Washington; and thus, gradually, the petty politicians of Utah are preparing the way for a repetition of the disgraceful scenes in New Orleans and New Mexico. There should be some short, sharp, decisive way of settling these disgusting squabbles among small politicians. If Congress could devise some means by which those already in office could be forever removed from it, and those seeking to displace them could be forever disqualified from holding office, the suffering people would be forever grateful.

The opinion seems to be entertained by some lawyers that, notwithstanding the proposed "Burned Records bill" may purport to authorize a decree of title which will cut off the claims of "all the world," yet that the rights of infants, married women, and the other classes of persons incompetent by law to defend their rights, will be saved. The point is at least open to question, and, as no opportunity has ever existed for a judicial decision upon it, it would be improper to dogmatize concerning it. As a rule, proceedings *in rem*—as, for instance, concerning vessels—determine the rights of all the world, whether competent or incompetent to defend. As a State is the exclusive judge of the modes of proceeding necessary to give its Courts jurisdiction over property within its limits, and as the Legislature, in the language of Chief Justice Taney, "may clearly legislate away any vested right, provided it does not interfere with the obligation of a contract," we see nothing to prevent a State Legislature from providing for such a proceeding in *rem*, concerning a real estate title, as would cut off unknown infants and married women. It has been decided necessary, heretofore, to reserve these rights expressly in all statutes of limitations, and we see no reason why it would not be equally necessary in the "Burned Records bill."

The London *Spectator* sounds a note of alarm because each year the electorates of England seem to prefer great speakers to great thinkers or writers for their representatives. The few men who combine both characteristics" are less and less for public life," and the future is exceedingly doleful; for, saith the *Spectator*, "we see nothing, no new and strong idea, which should mark off the measures of our society from those of the wealthy in the United States." Such a pitiable prospect demands our sympathy.

A case involving a question of considerable importance as to dower rights has been lately decided by our Supreme Court.

Many years ago, one Margaret Donahue applied to the Court for an assignment of dower in a lot on State street, near Monroe, owned by the City of Chicago. The lot—25 feet—was incapable of being divided so as to set off one-third to her by metes and bounds, and, under the statute of this State, the value of her dower was assessed by a jury at $75 per annum. This lot was then worth but $200 per foot, but with the growth of the city it increased in value to $1,500 or $2,000 per foot; thereupon Mrs. Donahue filed her bill in Chancery in the Superior Court, asking for a reassignment of dower based upon the increased value. The Supreme Court, some years ago, held in a dower case (Greves vs. Calhoz, 23 Ill.), that, "If in progress of time the income from the property becomes materially depreciated or materially enhanced, equity will afford the requisite relief to either party on filing a proper bill," but it was contended by the city that this point was what is called "*obiter*," and unnecessary to the decision of that case. The case was heard by Judge Jameson, and the application for a reassignment of dower denied. Our Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of Judge Jameson, but upon what grounds is not known, as no copy of the decision has yet reached us. The case is said to be the first in the United States where this question has been directly presented, and has attracted considerable attention among our lawyers.

The tax-payers' Utopia has been discovered, by an explorer of out-of-the-way places, in the little country which figure on the map of Europe as the Duchies of Anhalt-Bernburg, Anhalt-Cothen, and Anhalt-Dessau. The aggregate population of the three Principalities is about 189,000 souls, each one of whom pays a yearly tax of just 40 cents. The whole expense of the Government during the last year, including the maintenance of His Serene Highness the Duke of Anhalt, his Court, his standing army, the law courts, police, internal improvements, etc., was exactly $200,000. The difference ($124,000) between this amount and the proceeds of the 40 cents per head was defrayed by the profits of the salt-mines of Leopoldshall. But even this exhibit only foreshadows the Arcadia of the future. The salt-mines in question are increasing in value so rapidly that, ten years from now, the Duke of Anhalt promises not only to defray all the expenses of the Government from this source of revenue, but to distribute the surplus among his subjects; so that, by about 1880, we shall behold the anomaly of a Government which pays taxes to its people. Add to this the two facts, that suffrage is based on education, and that the law-making power is wholly vested in a House chosen by the people, and we can have some idea of the Utopian state of affairs in the Duchies of Anhalt.

A new branch of forgery has been introdibbed into American politics. The scene is transferred from New York to New Orleans, and the objects operated on are no longer vouchers, but letters of resignation. A few days ago, Governor Warmoth received a note, which purported to be the resignation of one of the Recorders of New Orleans. The vacancy was promptly filled, but, when the new official presented himself, the old one mildly, but firmly, invited him to leave, and utterly derided having written the letter in question. Investigation proved that it was a forgery; but the Governor refused to retract the last appointment. The case was taken before the Courts, and they decided that the first official was the only legal one. The report of the matter closes with the remarkable statement: "Governor Warmoth refused to abandon his claim, however; and so the State is obliged to pay two men for the same duties." The sentence is a curious commentary on Louisiana politics. It would appear that, whenever any hanger-on in New Orleans chooses to say that he holds an office, the Treasury is straightway bled to pay him its fabled dues, despite the adverse decision of the Courts. Small wonder that the State debt is increasing by the million.

There is an Anti-Monopoly Association in New York, which proposes to supply the people with free railroads, free gas, and free police; taking the ground that the State or city is as much bound to give the people free lights as free schools, and that free railroads in Louisiana are within the province of Government as free common roads or streets. A still more extensive experiment in the same line was recently tried by the Communists of Paris, who proposed to furnish the people with free bread and meat and a moderate salary per diem. It is to be regretted that the latter experiment has not been devised in such a way that everybody to live at the public expense; but we believe that, if such a plan succeeds anywhere, it will be in New York.

In May of this year, the population of Alsace and Lorraine will have to decide whether they will remain at their homes and be Germanized, or emigrate. In anticipation of this, mingled love for France and hate of the military system of Germany are driving the people across the frontier in such numbers that the whole village have been depopulated, and many others contain only women, children, and old men. The German Governors have advised Bismarck, as a matter of policy, to extend the time of probation until 1876; but, as yet, no reply has been vouchsafed. The exodus is said to be heartily encouraged by the Catholic clergy, who are at swords' points with the German Chancellor on the education question.

In the Beggeh case, particularly referred to by Mayor Medill, in his message, as a decision of great importance to the city, and in which the Court held "that, where a first or original assessment for paving a street, or other local improvement, was not a good and valid assessment, no new or re-assessment could be made," our Supreme Court has granted a rehearing. There are some hundreds of thousands of dollars of these uncollected assessments, and it now seems probable that those who have hitherto defeated their collection will ultimately be made to pay them.

PERSONAL.

On the moonlight ride from the Mammoth Cave to the train, Alexis joined a Louisville gentleman in a number of duets. The Grand Duke's voice is an excellent base, and his taste in music highly cultivated, and very extensive in its scope. The baggage of the Ducal party has reached Pensacola. A lady at Pensacola is said to have kissed one of the Duke's trunks, and snipped off a piece of the Russian leather strap. The royal trunk has already traveled 5,000 miles.

—Marion Park, of Jeffersonville, Ind., has demaned of the Grand Jury an investigation into the rumors respecting his complicity in the murder of his family.

—Among the Japanese students coming Eastward with the Embassy is a lad of 9 years, who wears light-colored striped pants, a broad-brimmed felt hat, and a long-backed frock coat, with three huge brass buttons on each tail.

—Harvey Doane, an inmate of the Auburn State Prison, is waiting to be hanged to order. He was sentenced to death in 1865, under the law, since repealed, which permitted the Governor to order an execution at his pleasure. He rarely enjoys a Friday, as his chances of being strangled on that day are much greater.

—Thirty-six years since, George Wilkins Kendall, of the New Orleans *Picayune*, gave A. M. Holbrook, a steamer clerk, the business management of that journal, and a quarter interest. The latter gentleman has just retired from business, and is one of the wealthiest gentlemen in the Southwest. Although 65 years of age, he still looks fresh and youthful, for yonder he was never known to be absent from the counting-room before 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., for a single day. Editors, reporters, foremen, and clerks passed in review before him, and all copy passed through his hands. He invariably paid off the employes on Sunday morning. Was one absent or sick, the amount due him was carefully rolled up, labelled with his name, and placed in the safe, and here sums of this kind have been known to lie unmolested for years,—a sort of special and sacred deposit. Indeed, old printers have gone away and fought through an entire war, to return and find in the *Picayune* safe a package of money awaiting them.

—Captain James M. Lancy, of Cleveland, commenced sailing on the lakes in 1823.

—The jewels of Mlle. Janauschek were attached, at Baltimore, on Friday last, on a warrant issued by Justice Brewer, in the suit brought by Henry Broughton. Upon being informed of the seizure, Janauschek proceeded to the Clerk's office, and gave bond in $1,200 to await the result of the action; whereupon the attachment was dissolved, and the suit placed on the docket for the May term.

—The will of the late Archibald A. Dunlop, of West Troy, N. Y., with the exception of a few minor bequests, leaves a fortune of $150,000 to his daughter Jessie.

—Alfred Perry, of Montreal, Can., who rendered valuable services to the Ottawa District during the terrible conflagrations of August, 1870, has been presented by the citizens of Ottawa with a handsome silver service and purse of gold. The ceremony took place at the Russell House, and was followed by an elegant banquet.

—Henry Ward Beecher's lectures to the Theological School at New Haven were commenced on Wednesday last, at the Marquand Chapel. They are on the subject of "Preaching." After the informal lecture is concluded, opportunity is given for questions. He made a very characteristic answer to one question, which brought down the house. A theologue inquired what was the cause of the short pastorates so frequent now. Mr. Beecher instantly responded, with inimitable drollery, "Largely Divine Mercy."

—The physicians of Elmira, N. Y., vaccinate on the left instead of the arms, for the reason that fashionable ladies dislike to have their fair arms disfigured by the marks. At least that's the excuse they make.

—Friends of the Hon. Burton C. Cook, of Illinois, gave him a dinner in Washington, on Saturday evening, at which the President, Vice President, and other prominent officials were present.

—Captain Snowdon, who collects the letters from all the lamp-post boxes in New Haven, walks 24 miles every day, collects on the average 1,500 letters, and is 7 hours in doing it.

—A diver who recently descended into the Shetucket River at Norwich, Conn., states that beneath the Laurel Hill bridge he fell unexpectedly into a fissure between the rocks of the bottom, nearly 20 feet deep. Here he was assailed by a large eel-like, half serpent and half fish, which grasped viciously at the eye-plates of his helmet, and, though repeatedly struck with an iron bar, was with difficulty driven away.

—A petition for signature has been drawn up by the numerous friends of the Rev. J. Selby Watson, praying the Home Secretary to reprite the sentence passed upon him, and which he considers will be condemned. The grounds on which they urge that his life should be spared are his age and hitherto blameless life. Mr. Watson, who was still in Newgate Jail, maintained the same calm demeanor which has characterized his conduct since his arrest.

—The *British Medical Journal* hears that Prof. Huxley's health has given way under the strain of continuous exertion, and that he has been advised to absent himself for a time from all occupation as the best means of restoration. Mr. Huxley was to spend two months in the mild climate of Egypt, whither he has repaired; and there was every reason to hope that he will return restored to health and vigor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The business men of Hamilton, Ont., propose to organize a Protective Union, the chief object of which will be to determine the status of traders asking credit for merchandise.

—Montreal had thirty-three fatal cases of small-pox last week. Dr. Larocque states that he has taken pains to visit every house in which a death from small-pox has occurred, and finds that, out of fifty-five fatal cases, only four of the patients had been properly vaccinated; most of them had not been vaccinated at all.

—Major W. G. Garrett, of Montgomery County, Va., has discovered a large vein of zinc ore on his farm, eight miles south of Christiansburg.

—The operators of the diamond drill at Kansas City discovered an immense body of water at a depth of 600 feet. An investigation is proposed, with a view to supplying the city therefrom.

—Mr. J. M. Fairchild, Superintendent of the New Haven Fire Alarm Telegraph, has recently invented an almost perfected an apparatus for indicating the locality of *fires*, which does away with sound and brings into use *sight*. It consists of a corresponding number of figures to those of the different alarm boxes about the city, and at the first stroke of the bell the electricity works a lever, and somewhere presents to view the same number as that on the box from which the alarm is given.

—The people of East Hartford are moving for a free bridge across the Connecticut River.

—The New Haven Gas Company proposes to spend $200,000 in improvements the present season. Among other things a new gasometer, forty-five feet high, with a diameter of 110 feet will be built.

—Mr. W. G. Howard, of Baltimore, for a long time engaged in tea-growing in India, is now at Mobile endeavoring to arrange for the establishment of an extensive tea-garden. He has carefully examined into the matter, and is confident that tea will not only grow well in the vicinity of the latter point, but will prove a most profitable crop.

—The intense cold at Sandusky, last Thursday, caused a gas-main to burst, and a large amount of gas escaped.

—A gentleman in Pittsburgh bids $8,000 for the Wheeling flexible marble slab, which is on exhibition in the former city.

—Hartford reports 475 marriages for 1871. The united ages of the oldest couple were 130 years, and of the youngest 35. Hardly a case is reported where the bride was older than the groom, which is rather more than the average of the matrimonially affection which a young man of inexperience can secure for himself by marrying a woman 40 or 50 years his senior.

—Philadelphia granted 278 building permits in January, of which 38 were for alterations.

—Ashtabula, O., has a razor which has been on duty since 1799. It has shaved three generations of Browns, but has begun to wear thin.

—A carat is a weight of four grains, used mainly for weighing diamonds. When applied to gold, twenty-four carats of twelve grains each make *fine* gold. So, if gold is said to be twenty-two carats fine, it is meant that twenty-two twenty-fourths are pure gold and the rest is alloy. The carat was originally a small red bean used in Oriental countries for weighing gold, whence we get the name.

—A gentleman in Columbus, O., has tried a few specimens of the pea sausage used by the Germans in the late war. It is not only highly nutritious, but extremely palatable. It makes a rich, thick soup, something like split-pea with heavy stock, and is much superior, for vegetable flavor and freshness, to anything in the regular ration of the United States Army. Besides, it only needs a little water, a tin cup, and fire, to have this palatable dish ready to eat inside eight minutes.

—The *Nationalist*, of Manhattan, Kan., says: "A few days ago an eagle descended upon the head of a little Swede boy, about 10 years old, who lives near the head of the Wild Cat, and undertook to carry him off. He fastened his talons in the boy's cap, but the youngster, instead of rising into mid air, caught the eagle, and, after a long and severe struggle, succeeded in killing him. He measured eight feet from tip to tip. When the lad reached home he was taken to task for not bringing in his assailant alive, but replied 'I don't going to let him eat me up.'"

LOUISIANA.

The War of the Factions.

The Congressional Committee, and the Attendants at Its Sessions.

Sketches of Warmoth and Carter, and Their Principal Adherents.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.

"I dunno, sir. It's something in the air mate, I reckon."

This is the opinion of Carter; and, it concerns the question of habitual or chronic dishonesty in the conduct of Southern politics. I hardly need explain to the reader of contemporaneous history who Carter is. Before the 1st of last month, it would, on the contrary, have been quite necessary that Carter should have some sort of an introduction to the public, in order for the latter party to take any interest in the former. But, on that day Carter shot into notoriety as a political strategist,—a deviser of *coups d'etat* and all that,—an aspirant for the control of a State; since which time the telegraph, and, still more, the New Orleans newspapers, have been very busy with the name of Carter. And it is the doings of Carter, and of some others with whom he has been connected, which have brought down to New Orleans the Congressional Investigating Committee which asked the question which evoked the remark which I have faithfully recorded above.

THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

The resolution of the National House of Representatives (introduced by Mr. Dawes) ordering the Committee of Investigation, directing them to "inquire into the origin and character of the difficulties which have arisen between the Government and officials of the State of Louisiana, and United States officials in said State, and their conduct growing out of the same;" and to report, recommend, etc. The intention was, particularly, to investigate the two flagrant cases of unwarrantable interference alleged against the Custom House authorities here, and, incidentally (as the Committee construe their duty), the character of the State Government, and the circumstances of the late "War in New Orleans."

The Committee consists of the following gentlemen: The Hon. P. W. Scofield, of Pennsylvania; the Hon. J. M. McCrary, of Iowa; the Hon. H. B. Smith, of New York; the Hon. R. M. Speer, of Pennsylvania; and the Hon. Stevenson Archer, of Maryland. The last two gentlemen represent the inevitable balance-of-power element, and were recently fully alive (Mr. Speer particularly) to the fact that they are expected to elicit unpleasant revelations concerning the Republican party in this State. At first, the Committee might, perchance conceal. Their efforts will, from present appearances, be less necessary than those of Senators Cassedy and Bayard have been in the New York Legislature investigation; nevertheless, it is well enough to have them along. Archer is a Southerner, of rather rakish build and manner, generally unready in language and demeanor, and the only member of the Committee at all reliable at a stand-up drink. Speer is a thin-lipped, carpet, Puritanical sort of man, cold, polite, and amiable, except when he cross-questions witnesses. Smith, whose other name is Judge, is a wiry, severe, methodical, matter-of-fact man, with a Down Easter twang. Scofield, a witnesses which signifies "No fooling." McCrary is stout, open-faced, ingenuous, fair, judicial; does the least talking, but not the least work of any of them. Of all, he alone is elderly and quiet, with a visible consciousness of his dignity and responsibility as Chairman of the Committee. He sweats the witnesses at present at the opposite end of the table, with due solemnity, and confronts him with cosy, round face, set off by a few gray locks, with a large "bonhomie" about it, and does them, and is, a scarcely statesmanlike goatee. Neither Scofield nor any of his colleagues on the Committee has thus far shown any disposition to shirk any of the responsibilities of the Committee, or to shield any person or party from deserved blame.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACTIONS.

The sessions of the Committee are held in the Custom House Room on the first floor of Custom House, a reachy, desolate, granite structure, of many columns and rotundas, and a great deal of waste space. At each session, there are in attendance a half-dozen or more representatives of each of the various political parties interested in the Louisiana controversies. There appear to be three of these,—the Republicans, the Democrats, and the Democrats. On behalf of the first named, there sits, convenient to the ear of McCrary, Warmoth. He is a handsome, Scotch-looking, stout person, with wide-spreading red beard, and a red face. He was the military officer in command at New Orleans at the close of the war, resigned his commission, and afterward became United States Marshal; had troubles with that high-minded statesman, A. K. Johnson, and retired to private life. When he became the warm partisan of Warmoth, whom he helped out with his arduous duties by taking two or three lucrative offices. Next to Herron sits Bradley, Warmoth's Private Secretary. Next is Torry, formerly District Attorney for Uncle Sam,—a big-necked, dark-skinned, grizzly-mustached citizen, of no mean parts, apparently. Then follow others of the Executive Department interest. Those upon the other side, prompting Archer and Speer, are a poorer lot, whether reckoned intellectually or pecuniarily. Next to Speer sits Packard, a lawyer, who appears as if his utmost abilities were to read Swinburne, to tie a cravat, and have an uncle. That is J. R. G. Pinchback, the Custom House Factor, formerly of the Confederate and afterwards of the Union army. He now writes editorials for the Grant organ here, and draws his salary as Factor of the Custom House. Next, a red-whiskered, uneasy, loud-mouthed fellow, whose name is unknown to fame, and also to me, but who bears upon his broad shoulders the destinies of the Democratic State Committee. He labors mightily with Speer to get this or that damaging interrogatory propounded. There is J. H. McVean, carpet-bagger whom Carter made Clerk of the House, and who, though really, is apparently staunch as an ox for his chief. Poor fellow! he has a hard task before him, as there is doubtless the predicament of the two or three nondescripts who surround him, and, also, of a good portion of the score or two of citizens, politicians, and others who are calling and listen in vain for the words of the witnesses, in the large, lofty, empty, echoing room.

CARTER'S STORY.

Carter is sworn. He tells the story of his grievances; how he was ousted by strategy from his rightful seat in the Speaker's Chair of the Lower House of the Legislature, by petty adherents, lacking only one of a quorum, had passed dreary days and nights in a tight little club-room over a liquor-store, beleaguered by police, and barred out by rows of militia from entering into the precincts of the Governor-elect Capitol; how he had appealed in vain to the United States military; and how he had, finally, after twenty-one days of persistent fighting, given up the battle for the present. He also unveiled the wickedness of all parties, races, and classes in Louisiana; and declared that Republicans, Democrats, whites, negroes, Governors, Legislators, petty officers, and all, had done that which they ought not to have done, and there was no health in them; adding the thoughtful meteorological remark with which this letter commenced.

And, with a pretty strong foreboding that Carter is right, and that we shall find the history of Louisiana, since the close of the war, a very mortifying, though instructive, one, full of black marks to score up against this power or that. this party or that, this policy or that, let us trace the events which came to pass during the culminating fight for supremacy the other day, and which may yet determinate, unless affairs are conducted with more moderation than heretofore. But first let us look at the principal actors in the drama, and see who they are, and how we like them.

WARMOTH.

Of these, Henry Clay Warmoth is *facile princeps*, by personal title as well as official. Born and reared in Fairfield Township, Wayne County, in the Egypt of Illinois, he went into the army of the Union, as full, green lad, and came out of it, at the end of the war, an elegant, dashing Colonel, with uncommonly good talents for coming at his fellow-mortals, and good courage for facing fortune. Whether he had faced powder and come at the enemy equally well, I cannot say, but should presume the affirmative. Impelled by a love of military prominence, he had sought a command in a negro regiment, and this was how he came to be Colonel. Such a connection, and a good talent for speech-making, proved of signal advantage to Warmoth in engaging the favor of the negro voters, who are a majority in Louisiana. The rest he owes to his Olympian assurance, his somewhat fascinating address, his firmness, his organizing ability, and, above all, the adroitness of his methods, his ambition, and his morals to the present point of carpet-bagger of society in Louisiana. Warmoth is dashing and daring; he found here a community remarkably susceptible to the influence of these qualities in whatever degree

THE ARKANSAS TROUBLES.

Outrages in Chicot County---The Perpetrators and Instigators.

Letter from a Travelling Chicagoan to Mayor Medill.

LAKE VILLAGE, CHICOT COUNTY, ARK., Jan. 29, 1872.

To Joseph Medill, Chicago:

DEAR SIR: Your letters of introduction have been my hosts of friends wherever I have been in the South, and I want to thank you for them, and, at the same time, give you some facts of interest about this country. Lake Village and Chicot County have become known throughout the world by the terrible scenes enacted here a few weeks ago, yet no one in the North can have an idea of the state of things here without seeing for himself. Chicot County in *ante-bellum* times was the richest, fairest, and most productive county in the State.

OLD RIVER LAKE,

a beautiful sheet of water in the form of a horse-shoe, eighteen miles in length, and about a mile in width, is lined in on either side with plantations entirely above overflow, which, ten years ago, were like a continuous garden all under cultivation, raising a bale of cotton to the acre, with elegant houses, negro quarters, stables, etc. Lake Village, the county seat, was a prosperous village on the bank of the lake at its head or toe of the horseshoe, and from this point you could see eight or ten miles down on either side of the lake, take in at a glance twenty or thirty large plantations, and in the distance the river and steamboats. It was indeed the most beautiful spot for a home I have seen in any country, and as rich as beautiful. Corn, cotton, and fruit of every variety grew in profusion, and fruit of every variety in insurance. But now it is indeed, a gloomy picture.

HOMES ARE DESOLATED,

buildings going to decay, stock all gone, lands grown up in weeds, almost every white woman in the country gone, white men afraid of their lives and getting away as fast as possible, every plantation for sale at a fraction of its former worth, large portion of the little crop of cotton grown still in the fields wasting in the wind, negroes riding in the streets and roads with their guns, white and colored women and children with a smiling face seen. What has caused this wonderful change? Why this terrible pall of gloom that settles down like a night of death in the plantation and village under a low observatory no trace through the asian eyepiece with a chair. I was careful enconvenient portion of 15-16ths of its dead beat appendages of the times of neutrality lights was very conspicuous open air legislating. Standing in the looking through the the outside was of I

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Chinese Languages.

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Funeral Forwarding.

Memorial, Feb. 5.

Goding, Vicar General of Quebec, in the 85th ing read, from

Explosive Explosion at Greenwich, Eng.---A Rain of Chassepot Bullets.

From the London Telegraph, Jan. 19.

A dreadful explosion occurred last evening at Gladstone's cartridge factory, Greenwich Marshes, by which a large number of girls have been seriously injured. A few weeks ago the Government seized 365 cases of ball-cartridges, each containing twenty pounds weight, which had been manufactured by Messrs. Eley, Limited, for the French Government in the late war; but the English Government permitted their return in small quantities, on the condition that the powder should be destroyed in a manner by which the lead could be utilized, and yesterday morning a foreman, named Sargent, and thirty girls (boys of 16 and 17 years of age) were employed breaking up the cartridges in the factory in question, when, without the slightest notice, a terrific explosion occurred, which was heard for several miles around, simultaneously with the explosion the girls rushed out of the shed, a great many with their clothes on fire. The most injured ran screaming home through the marshes and tidal ditches, while others were thrown down and rolled in the mud to extinguish the flames. Sargent, the foreman, and three or four others, were dragged out of the shed with the greatest risk, in consequence of four subsequent explosions occurring within an interval of a quarter of an hour. A cart was obtained from the adjoining farm of Mr. Wheatley, in which some of the worst sufferers were conveyed home. The building, which was about 50 feet by 20 feet, was set on fire, the roof blown off, and a portion of the walls knocked down. Five engines of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, from Greenwich, Deptford, Lewisham, Blackheath, and Woolwich attended, extinguished the fire, and rendered essential service by preventing the fire spreading to an adjacent stack of about fifty boxes, containing about 1,000 pounds of ball cartridge. The explosion blackened and disfigured the faces, arms, and necks of the girls in a frightful manner. Several were injured by the Chassepot bullets, or, rather, as supposed, fifty pounds of ball cartridge flying about, and others were wounded by the falling bricks and slates. It is expected that all the thirty girls are more or less injured, and four or five dangerously so. No clear account could be obtained as to the cause of the explosion, but it is rumored that one of the men belonging to the barge which brought the boxes of cartridges down from London imprudently attempted to break up one of the cartridges with a knife, the friction of which ignited the powder.

A PRINCELY WEDDING.

Marriage of Prince Czartoryski and the Princess Margaret of Nemours.

Paris (Jan. 13) Correspondence of the London Daily Telegraph.

A wedding is always an interesting event when the bride is young and comely. How much more when she is beautiful and graceful, and bears an historical name? Child being so, I need not apologize for writing a long letter about the wedding of the Princess Margaret of Nemours, whom we associate with the sylvan beauties of Bushy Park and the galleries of Hampton Court. This long-talked-of marriage took place on Saturday evening according to the code, but not according to the Rubric. The ceremony held in law to be a mere nuptial benediction, but regarded by good Catholics as the sole binding one, took some part privately at Chantilly more than a day will thus elapse between the civil and the religious wedding. This is only in accordance with the usages of high-born people in this country, where it is considered snobbish for a bride to appear herself in all her bridal paraphernalia before the Mayor. The Church alone is honored with the white robe, lace veil, and orange blossoms. Not wishing that a spectacle should collect before the entrance to the Mayor's, where the civil marriage was to take place, the Duc de Nemours begged of all who received invitations to keep the day and hour fixed upon a close secret. Despite this precaution, however, a crowd of several parcels, calculated to set the sight-seeing public quite astray. A good many indies went to the Mayoralty of the Eighth Arrondissement to have a stare at all the Royal personages, supposed to be there on Saturday night at half past 7, but they in reality were at the Mayoralty of the Seventh Arrondissement, which is the other side of the water. The bride rode there from "her domicile" in the Rue de Varennes by the numerous posterity of Louis Philippe, but two of whom—the Duc d'Aumale and Princess Mercedes de Montpensier—were absent. M. Arnaud de l'Ariege, the Mayor, officiated. Girded with his tri-colored scarf, and surrounded by adjoints and secretaries, all wearing evening suits and favours, he received the bridal party on the steps. With many bows, he conducted them to the drawing-room, a spacious apartment, furnished in carved oak, and adorned with bronzes and Gobelin tapestry. Though a Republican, M. Arnaud went to some expense in procuring flowers and laying down red carpets. The few members of the Czartoryski family invited were bidden were in waiting in the dinning-room, along with some members of Queen Christina's family by her second husband. The bride wore a very elegant demi-toilette, and superb sapphire ornaments, sent her "for luck" by the Queen of England—of whom her mother was a cousin-german. She entered leaning on her father's arm. French brides seldom betray emotion. Their steadiness of nerve before the altar is something remarkable. They go through the ceremonial in a business-like sort of way, and are unfeignedly glad of the opportunity it gives to escape from a conventual sort of existence. But the Princess Margaret is scarcely French. Her mother, the Princess Victoria, was one of the favorite daughters of the House of Saxe-Coburg; and she herself was brought up in England, where I almost think she was born. The tears which started into her eyes as she headed the long procession of Princes and Princesses spoke of her mixed origin and English breeding. Her striking resemblance to one of Queen Victoria's children excited on the part of four countrywomen, who managed to find room at M. Arnaud's dining-room, an additional interest. Close after her came the Princess Blanche Louise, a pretty little girl of about the age of the Princess Beatrice. The rising generation was very well represented by a bevy of juvenile Princes and Princesses, who filed into the room in groups of twos and threes. Many of your readers may have seen these young scions of the House of Bourbon playing on Hampton Common, on certain days in which stretches to the Thames near Eel-Pie Island. Some of the little Princesses were dressed in white muslin and pink silk, and others in white muslin and blue silk. Their hair, in burnished masses, falling over their shoulders. The Prince de Joinville gave his arm to the Empress of Brazil, who is at once his sister-in-law and mother-in-law of the Princess Margaret's brother, the Comte d'Eu. Don Pedro did not come, reserving himself for the Chantilly ceremonial. The Count de Paris led in the Duchesse de Chartres, a niece of Don Pedro; the Duc de Montpensier the Countess de Paris, and the Duc d'Aumale the sister and whilom heiress presumptive to the Spanish Crown, the Infanta Maria Luisa. Behind the chairs destined for the bride and bridegroom was a row for those of royal birth, and then ordinary seats for the other personages likewise invited to the ceremony. The divers papers, showing the civil status of the contracting parties, were read by an official. The Prince Ladislas Czartoryski was then called upon to sign the register, at the Hotel Lambert, in the parish of Notre Dame, Paris, without living "ascendants," and the widower of the second daughter of Alphonse Marie Joseph Munoz, Duke of Rianzares, by his legitimate spouse, Marie Christine de Bourbon, widow of Ferdinand VII., King of Spain, and domiciled in the Champs Elysees. The settlements—the dotal one, as well as I could gather; fixing the pecuniary relations of the illustrious couple, was next recorded. This done, the Mayor, who sat at the table on which was lying a handsomely bound volume of the Code Napoleon, stood up, and read the article which made the twain one flesh. As he was in duty bound, he addressed them as *jeunes conjoints* in lying down their relative duties. The husband owed protection, fidelity, and assistance to his wife, and the wife owed fidelity and obedience to the husband, and was bound to follow him whithersoever he went. He then put to each the question, "Do you agree to the conditions prescribed by the Code?" Both the bride and bridegroom uttered the "Yes" very audibly, and nothing more remained for them to do but sign the nuptial register. The witnesses for the Princess were her uncles, the Duc d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville; those of Prince Czartoryski were his cousins, Roman and Ladislas Czartoryski. A good deal of handshaking and kissing was gone through when M. Arnaud de l'Ariege closed the ponderous volume. But instead of the fair young wife going away leaning on her husband's arm, she was conducted by her father to the carriage which brought her to the Mayoralty, and returned as she came to the Duc de Nemours' lodgings in the Rue de Varennes. A family dinner there awaited the Bourbons and Czartoryskis. It broke up at 10, when Prince Ladislas betook himself alone to the Hotel Lambert. He will not see the Princess again until he meets her to-day in the private chapel of Chantilly, where the nuptial benediction will be given in the presence of all who were invited to the Mayoralty, and a hundred and twenty other persons. M. and Madame Thiers have sent their congratulations; but, being unable to leave Versailles for the present, they cannot be of the wedding party.

Prince Czartoryski has sent a 1,000f. note to the Archbishop of Paris for the indigent of the parish of Notre Dame. He also handed the Mayor who married him the fee for the Bureau de Bienfaisance of the Seventh Arrondissement. The Princess, on her side, has sent suitable presents to the Sevres Orphan School. It is her intention to keep up the charitable traditions of the Hotel Lambert, where, in the time of the Princess Adam, one might have supposed they attached the old English meaning to the word lady.

A Jury of Peers.

There dwelt some years ago in Bourbon County, Ky., a drunken, worthless, one-eyed fellow, named C——, whose chief occupations were getting tipsy and fighting. There had been a contest for the office of Prosecuting Attorney, who was entitled to a part of the fines which might be imposed on the malefactors of Bourbon, and he determined to squelch C——. He did not wait long for an opportunity to have him arrested. B——, the Constable, said, as it was an important case, he wanted about three days to get an appropriate jury to try it.

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GOLD.

The effect of the flurry in England over the Alabama claims was evident in the gold market to-day. Rumors of the imminency of war were industriously circulated, and the general feeling was that gold must be higher. There was quite a rush to buy gold, and the opening price was 110¼. Many importers also were in the streets for our indebtedness abroad has been increasing rapidly of late, as is shown by the importations of nearly ten millions per week thus far this year. They were buying gold in anticipation of possible contingencies, whereby the price might jump 5 or 10 per cent above the present figures. Later in the day, when it came to be known that the foreign markets were not responding to the London excitement, and that British consols were strong and American bonds even advancing in some instances, the bulls lost their enthusiasm, and the price of gold gradually dropped off to 110. The rates paid for carrying during the day were, 3, 2, 1, 5, 4, and 6 per cent. The closing quotation was 110¼. Business men were discussing the Alabama difficulty quite generally, but the prevailing opinion was that nothing serious will come of it. The morning press, excepting one sensational journal, treated the matter in an amicable tone.

THE MONEY MARKET

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Central Pacific bonds closed at 102@102¼, and Unions at 92½@92¾ for firsts; 82@83 for land grants; 87½@87¾ for incomes, and 88¾@89 for stock.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

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STOCKS.

On the Stock Exchange the same reports which advanced the price of gold had a depressing influence on the railroad and miscellaneous share speculation, and prices declined ½ to 1¼ per cent. The active stocks were Pacific Mail, Union Pacific, Northwestern common, Ohio & Mississippi, and Wabash. Towards the close the market improved, and prices advanced with considerable transactions.

BREADSTUFFS.

The common and medium grades of State and Western flour were held very firmly, an advance being demanded in some cases, but buyers did not respond except so far as their own necessities required, and no higher prices can be quoted. Receipts were small, owing partly to the storms. The wheat market was firmer but quiet, but there was more demand, and the inactivity was due to the fact that holders would not accept bids at full Saturday's prices. Corn was ¼ cent better, but without much spirit.

[To the Associated Press.]

STOKES' CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Stokes was brought before the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning, and there was a large attendance of spectators. All of Stokes' counsel were present. Judge Cardozo was on the bench. District Attorney Garvin demurred to some of the pleas of Stokes' counsel, and traversed one of the prisoner's counsel, who said he would require a week to procure witnesses and to try the pleas thus raised, and that a jury would be necessary. The Judge stated that he would summon an additional jury of one hundred, and then adjourned the court to Monday next. The haste to be likened that is manifested by the Republican leaders in the affair is massive, and the Democrats in the negative. Special Agent Jayne gave an account of the proceedings in the case of the Fall River Boat Co., and the case of one Wheeler a fraud was attempted to be covered up by one of the Customs clerks, in which a reward of $12,000 was received. There are two cases in which no proceedings were taken. One was that of Ferdinand Heath. In 1867 Heath, a banker, failed in the city of New York and one in Boston, suits were instituted. The amount of judgments obtained was $668,000. The estate of Heath is not expected to be received as by share $120,000, but I divided it with others, perhaps $80,000. The Government should certainly be informed as to what has been received if the regular duties had been paid. The United States Weigher rarely or never weighs sixty per cent of the sugar that comes to perform the duty. A weigher's district includes some thirty to forty piers at the upper part of the harbor, and, just as the steamer arrives, where the steamers arrive. The unsworn person returns the weight, and the United States Weigher really knows nothing about the correctness, but relies upon him entirely. The importer swears when he enters the goods as to the value, but not the weight.

THE INDICTED.

Henry Genet, an ex-Senator, is among the number indicted on Saturday. He was arrested this morning and bailed in the sum of $10,000. The charge against Genet is forgery. Tom Fields, Senator, will be arrested, if found. He is also charged with bribery, and fellow, and Ingersoll, the chair-maker, with forgery. Tom Fields, when arrested, was bailed in the sum of $1,000. Tom Fields' bondsmen are William Cheverus Fields, and Michael Quigg. His case has been removed to the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The indictments charge that George Butler and Garrett P. Talbot, members of the Fire Departments, having a claim, since the city, assigned an equal moiety thereof to Fields, a member of the Assembly, for his influence in procuring the passage of a law that enabled the claimants to collect it. Fields is indicted for forgery in the third degree, being charged with having in his custody, on the 11th day of March, 1871, a certain order of payment, with a draft payable to J. Mell. Davidson, or order, for $6,000, for two work, &c., signed by Richard Connolly and countersigned by C. O. Hall. The indictment charges that Genet forged on the order the endorsement of Davidson.

THE INVITATION DECLINED.

Vice President Colfax has accepted an invitation to address the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn, E. D., on the 23d inst.

THE TAMMANY SOCIETY

meets to-morrow night, when it is expected that the whole of the Democratic Ticket, Tweed, Hall, Connolly, and Sweeny will be filled, and Augustus Schell be installed as Grand Sachem.

THE TUTHAM, THE CAR-HOOK MURDERER.

F. O. Bartlett, counsel for Foster, the Putnam car-hook murderer, stated to-day that, if a new trial was granted, it will be shown that Putnam was the aggressor, and that he lived under an assumed name for some time, owing to certain transactions.

THE BAXTER CASE.

James Baxter, the English valet of Samuel Whitehead, was arraigned at New Brunswick, to-day, upon his plea of guilty in attempting the murder his employer. Defence moved a discharge upon the plea that he cannot be punished for a crime when the records show that no crime has been committed. The decision was reserved. It is rumored that if he is released, imprisonment and defamation of character, laying damages at $200,000.

THE ASSISTANT-DRY AUDIT BILL

to be introduced in the New York Legislature provides for a continuation of the works of permanent improvement in this city, and the payment, therefor, even though in excess of appropriations.

FERRY BOAT BURNED.

At 1:30 p. m. to-day, while the Brooklyn Ferry Boat Company's boat Fulton, three months built, was crossing the river loaded with passengers, a strong flame broke in the middle of the stream. The alarm signal was given, when two other boats came along side and took off the passengers, after which she sunk, for days ago, the same boat, loaded with passengers, was half an hour crossing, her engines having ceased to work.

WONDERFUL FREAK OF NATURE.

A Man with Three Arms—There is no Visible Deformity—He possesses Great Muscular Power—What He Says of Himself.

From the Williamsport (Pa.) Gazette.

Among the passengers on the train bound South last evening was a man born and raised in the County of Otsego, N. Y. His name is William Jacobs. He prides himself on three well developed arms and hands, the member extraordinary having grown above the right shoulder-blade.

It puzzles suspended down the back, and can be raised and lowered at will. In length it is shorter than the arms proper, but possesses extraordinary muscle, which he displays whenever occasion demands it. No person passing through a railroad car, or meeting him upon the street would observe any deformity, but after becoming cognizant of this singular case, would observe a peculiar fit of his coat.

He states that he has often been questioned as to why he does not place himself upon exhibition, or become one of Barnum's permanent attractions. His invariable reply is that he is averse to public exhibitions. His father being a wealthy farmer, he had always prospered to remain at home and was the most active and profitable of farmer's help. He would assist in loading hay, and at the same time hold securely the horses' reins. On several occasions he came near breaking his natural neck by holding the lines as he at one time suffered the pangs of a full-sized felon upon the fore-finger.

On one occasion, when about 18, the village boys thought they would have a little sport at "three-arms" expense, and commenced a system of blackguardism, followed by bold attacks upon his person. Forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and throwing off his loose garments, he went at them in true pugilistic style, arm number 3 performing its duty nobly, and apparently outrivaling number 1 and 2. At the end of the skirmish, six prostrate villagers told what a fierce opponent they had met. "Three-arms" gained a notoriety, and never afterward was he persecuted on account of his deformity. At the outbreak of the rebellion he joined a New York regiment, and so distinguished himself by bravery, that he was finally promoted to Captain, and ranked as the best drill officer of the regiment to which he was attached. At the close of the war he returned to the farm, and has since remained there. He is now en route for the South, to visit friends and scenes where in the interior of North Carolina. It may be a query with some, how he could use his arm with the proper clothing upon his body. Having purchased a large coat, a lasting suite were so made as to open upon the back, and closed by buttoning, the same as a child's apron. He is truly a wonder. Being a man of fine conversational powers, an interview with him is especially agreeable, and he relates many pleasing anecdotes of himself with great relish.

Temptations of Police Officers.

From the Cleveland Leader.

The number of temptations which surround the officers of our police force is much greater than people generally believe, and the only matter of wonder is that so few side corruption exists among the guardians of the public peace. Culprits under lock and key are always to give everything in their possession to gain their freedom, and the opportunities for obtaining emoluments are numerous. Perhaps no instance has ever occurred more dangerous to official honor than one which happened last night at one of our police stations, and which would probably have proved too much for the officer in charge had not the presence of several fellow officers prevented. We are sitting, and delivered himself as follows:

Beozy Prisoner—"I say Cap'n, op'n er door Er me, will you?"

No answer.

P.—"I say, d'ye hear me? I wan' 'o com' out."

All silence.

P. (in a lower tone)—"Le'me out, Cap'n, 'n I'll sing yer a song."

Sergeant—"Can't do it"

P. (encouraged at the voice, and in a confidential tone)—"Come, Cap'n, le'me out; I got a box o' blackin' in m' pocket, 'n I'll le'me out, *I'll gi yer half*"

THE FIELD AND STABLE.

Forms and Features of Cows and Heifers, Indicating Good Dairy Qualities.

Ringbone and its Treatment.

From Our Special Correspondent.

MANHATTAN, Kan. Feb 1.

FORMS AND FEATURES OF COWS AND HEIFERS, INDICATING GOOD DAIRY QUALIFICATIONS.

During the last five or ten years the demands for the products of the dairy have been constantly increasing; therefore, cattle with good dairy qualifications are appreciated at present far more than ever before; and the question is frequently asked, How, or by what signs or indications can we know, without a trial, whether a cow or heifer will make a good dairy animal, or will be a good milker? This question, it cannot be denied, is of considerable importance, and that the more so a practical test is connected, almost always, with much loss of time, and frequently also with disappointment and great expenses. Therefore, I will try to describe briefly the forms and features which indicate good milking qualities. If I should have to express my opinion in as few words as possible, I would say that we may consider that cow or heifer best qualified for the dairy that exhibits in its external form the most thoroughly developed feminine features. We demand of a good dairy animal, not only that all those parts and organs which are directly or indirectly connected with the secretion of the milk are most perfectly developed and large, but also that all those parts and organs which have nothing to do with the secretion of the milk are small and fine, so as to need but little nutriment, in order that the forms may be able to appropriate the lion's share of the nutritious parts of the food that is consumed. Hence, the head should be small, tapering towards the mouth; and the neck, which may be rather long, should also be thin and tapering towards the head. The whole fore part of the body should be light; but the hind quarters should be large, long and broad, and especially the mammary glands should be large and fully developed. The blood-vessels especially those that lead to and come from those organs that are directly or indirectly connected with the secretion of the milk, should be wide and large, so that those organs may be supplied with a large quantity of blood. Among those blood-vessels the so-called "milk veins," just beneath the skin on the lower surface of the abdomen, and reaching from the rear of the lower surface of the thorax, are the most conspicuous. The skin in general, but especially that of the bag, should be very thin, fine, and delicate; and the "bony fingers of the fore part of the bag, should be light; but they should be light compared with the size of the animal; for a coarse, long creature never can, and never will, be a good milker.

As an index of the secretion of good or bad milking qualities may be considered the form and size of the so-called

MILK-MIRROR.

Brought into notice by Guenon. Between the thighs, backward of the bag, a larger or or smaller part of the skin is considerably finer, softer and more delicate than on other parts of the body, and on this part of the skin the hairs, which are also thinner and finer and rather sparse, form a vertex, and grow in an opposite direction; that is, are turned from inward to outward. This vertex is called the "Milk-Mirror." In good milkers, it is large, spreads to the posterior surface of the thighs, extends clear down to the posterior surface of the bag, and sometimes, even on the posterior part of the inner surfaces of the hind legs, almost down to the hock-joints, and commences upward near the root of the tail. Such a Milk-Mirror is nothing but an indication of delicate tissue in general, and a thoroughly-developed feminine form of body, and always coincides with the latter; but the Mirror, of itself alone, is of no special importance, and has directly nothing to do with the secretion of the milk. It is found in male animals just as well as in cows and heifers, though it is not so much developed. To discriminate eight classes of Milk-Mirrors, and to divide each class in eight orders again, as has been done by Guenon, and to ascribe to each mathematical certainty, by the Milk-Mirror alone, how many quarts, and pints, and half-pints of milk, a cow with a Milk-Mirror belonging to a certain class, and certain order will give, and how many pounds and ounces of butter and of cheese can be made of a certain quantity of the milk of that cow, as Mr. Guenon tried to do, is carrying the thing a little too far. It is true, there is sense, however, that a fine, soft, and delicate condition of the skin, and of the hairs which constitute the so-called Milk-Mirror, are just as valuable as, and, generally speaking, go hand in hand with, a large size. Still, this is easily explained, if we just keep in mind that it is the fine and delicate tissue, and the thoroughly-developed feminine form of body that go hand in hand with good milking qualities. If the skin and hairs of the Milk-Mirror are thin, soft, and fine, then the skin and hairs of the whole body are proportionately fine, and the animal with a thick bull hide never will prove to be a good milker.

RINGBONE AND ITS TREATMENT.

BERLIN, WIS., Jan. 19.

VETERINARIAN—SIR: I read from time to time, with much profit, your articles in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I have been reading your article in THE TRIBUNE of the 14th inst., on Spavin, and I have thought your remedy for spavin (bisulphide of mercury and hog's lard,) a good one for the disease, and, therefore, have commenced using it.

Will you please give me your opinion on the subject of ringbone? Yours, very respectfully,

W. L. BUCK.

Answer to W. A. Bugh.—The morbid process of Ringbone is analogous to that of Spavin. The only difference between those two diseases consists in their different seats, and in the anatomical differences in the construction of the coronet-joint (between the upper and lower pastern) and the lower joints of the hind-leg. While the former is made up only of two bones, each of the latter consists of six different bones, united by fibrous ligaments. Consequently, Ringbone is generally in a more serious than Spavin. The pathology of these diseases, also, are essentially the same, modified only by the anatomical differences between the hock and coronet-joint. Therefore the treatment of both is the same. As the lower joints of the hock, admit but little motion, and are destined principally to break the concussion, a treatment of Ringbone is, in general, based upon some principles similar to that of Spavin. Its object must be to effect a growing together of the diseased joint surfaces; that is, preventing the unsiding of the upper and lower pastern-bone to one solid piece; consequently, the same means have to be employed to effect such union, viz: Perfect rest must be given to the lame animal for at least two months, and a certain degree of inflammation produced in the diseased parts. Therefore, I would advise you to treat your Ringbone horse just in the same way as I recommended to treat one that has Spavin. The sharp ointment, however, should be applied only on the front and inside surfaces of the coronet-joint (pastern)—never on the posterior surface, and never too near the coronet of the hoof, when skin and hoof join each other. VETERINARIAN.

Books Written in Prison.

The two most celebrated men who come into the list of writers of books in prison in the first half of the seventeenth century are Raleigh and Cervantes. The gallant Sir Walter, after serving when young as a gentleman volunteer went with Sir Humphrey Gilbert to America, returned and was knighted, raised a number of soldiers to defeat the Spanish Armada, and became a courtier. Something he did or said gave offence at Court, and he resided abroad for some years. When Elizabeth died and James I. succeeded to the throne, Raleigh returned to England; but he was arrested, and found guilty of treason by a packed jury. Twelve years of his life were passed continuously in prison; and here he wrote his "History of the World," a marvellous work to execute under such circumstances. In order really to begin at the beginning, he begins with the Creation, and gravely discusses the opinions expressed by the learned as to whether Paradise was as high up as the moon or only as high as Hampstead or under the equinoctial line. But still the "History of the World" is a noble fragment, which could only have been written by one who had read much, thought much, and practised much. Hapless Raleigh! King James hated him with all the hatred which a narrow mind feels toward an intellectual superior, and sent him to the Tower on the charge of treason, whose name we have coupled with Raleigh was the Spanish novelist Cervantes, the author of the world-renowned "Don Quixote." He was a soldier, then a student, then Chamberlain to a Cardinal, and then a soldier. He was thrice wounded at the battle of Lepanto, was taken prisoner by the Algerines, kept for five years in slavery, and ransomed by his friends. Returning to Spain, he married, entered upon civil employments, traversed wide regions of his native country, and watched well the habits and peculiarities of his countrymen. Monetary embarrassments, rather than political or religious discord, threw him more than once into prison, but his imprisonment was a great thing for the world, since it was occupied by the planning and commencement of "Don Quixote."

Open the portals wide; let us admit the greatest prison-writer of the second half of the seventeenth century, John Bunyan, tinker, preacher, and author of a religious allegory which is said to have been translated into a greater number of languages than any other book in the world, with two exceptions, the Bible and the *Imitation of Christ*. He was thrown into Bedford Jail because he would not renounce dissent, and there he supported himself for twelve years by making tagged boot-laces. He wrote many controversial tracts, preached to his fellow-prisoners, and read to them the Bible and *Fox's Book of Martyrs*. It was a fine answer that he gave the clerk of the peace, who advised him to gain his liberation by recreating the King, the law as provided two ways of obeying; the one, to do that which I in my conscience believe I am bound to do actively; and then I cannot by passivity, and then I am willing to lie down, and suffer whatever they shall do unto me." And it showed a vein of humor in his character when he replied to a Quaker who had come to visit him, and who declared that the Lord had ordered him to search for Bunyan in half the prisons in England: "If the Lord had sent you, you need not have taken so much trouble to find me out; for the Lord knows that I have been a prisoner in Bedford jail for the last twelve years." He wrote the first part of *Pilgrim's Progress* while in prison, a fact that ought to endear his imprisonment to us.—*All the Year Round.*

Destruction of the Cadwalader Mansion, Near Trenton, N. J.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Thomas Cadwalader Mansion, belonging to General Thomas Cadwalader, near Trenton, was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of the 29th ult. General Cadwalader at his winter residence, on Walnut street, Saturday, and obtained the following incidents connected with the history of the mansion:

The estate was about a mile from Trenton, on the Delaware. It was purchased prior to the Revolutionary War by Colonel Cadwalader, of the Continental army. After the war his father occupied it for a considerable time, and both father and son died there. The children of the present owner, with one exception, were born there. The original house was built by General Cadwalader for seventy-six years, being used of late years by him as a summer residence, his winters being passed in Philadelphia.

There were a number of very ancient locust trees about the premises, which were planted by Colonial Cadwalader. On one occasion General Washington, when paying him a visit, remarked that locusts were not the best of shade trees. As great care would have to be exercised to keep the insects out of them. Due attention was paid to this subject, and the trees recovered from the bad character they had previously borne at the South. Some of them were old and so near the house that they took fire on the occasion of the recent conflagration, and on two of them had to be cut down.

The place, during past years, has been visited by many distinguished persons, among them Generals Washington, Hamilton, Lee and General Moreau.

The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiarism.

The Plaint of the Pigeon.

Pigeon shooting being a favorite pastime of English sportsmen, a humane Temple Bar lawyer was moved by an impulse similar to that which inspired Mr. Bergh's attempt to prevent that sport in this country, utters a protest under the title of "A Pigeon's Thanksgiving." After the prosaic letters on this subject, it is not unrefreshing to hear the jingle of the rhyme:

One says that killing pigeons is as good
As murdering harmless human creatures in a wood:
Granted! But please to prove that shooting's pleasant
When looked at from the aspects of the pheasant!

They all insist that death attends the shot
(Some think, precedes a trifle, and some not);
And then they cry, in ecstasies of virtue—
"Poor things! We hope you, then, don't love hurt you!"

Who was it made the theory so astutely,
That pain we cannot feel is felt acutely?
Well! of a want of feeling, when he spoke, we
Might well return him a direct *tu quoque*:
If you insist on tenderness, you worse than senseless things!"
Was said of men's hard hearts, not Rocks with wings.

One comes to bet, and thinks the shooting rubbish;
Another backs that votes the betting snobbish.
This little episode a moral teaches—
Which of the two is right? I fancy each is!

If you are sorry, and will own this part of the debate,
I wish they'd miss us clean, or hit us harder;
This amateur despatching ten times worse is
Than though his poulterer's tender mercies!
And why should man be justified in maiming us,
Because he had the privilege of naming us

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Beeves to-day, 1,200 cars at Communipaw, 90 One Hundredth street, and 20 Weehawken, or 2,400 head, making 12,000 for the week. This lighter run makes a stronger market, all selling at an advance. There has been only one car Texas for the week, but a good many from Missouri. Quality only fair to-day. Some extra sold at 8½c per lb for price, and scarcely any sold below 10c, mostly at 11@12½c, averaging close upon 11½c; 4 cars Kansas cattle, 1,080 lbs, 10½c; 2 cars, 1,070 lbs, at 10½c; 1 car, 1,370 pounds per cwt; 9 cars Missouri, 1,200 lbs, at 11c; closed dull.

Sheep—Receipts 22,000 for week, and 7,000 to-day. Market strong at rather better figures, or 6c per lb gross. Some extra sold at 7c, and prime, and scarcely any sold below 10c, mostly at 11@12½c, averaging close upon 11½c; 4 cars Kansas cattle, 1,080 lbs, 10½c; 2 cars, 1,070 pounds per cwt; 9 cars Missouri, 1,200 lbs, at 11c; closed dull.

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